



John A. Wilson 2021 Scholarship

The Honorable John A. Wilson

ABOUT

The Honorable John A. Wilson devoted his career to serving the public and championing education and opportunities for youth. Raised in poverty on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, Mr. Wilson became a courageous leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960s Civil Rights movement. He later moved to Washington and began a distinguished political career. He led the successful 1974 campaign for adoption of the District’s Home Rule Charter, then served 18 years on the D.C. City Council. He served as City Council Chairman from 1991 to 1993. The H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) established the John A. Wilson Scholarship Fund as a lasting memorial to the late civil rights leader, 18-year member of the D.C. City Council and Council Chairman from 1991 to 1993. Mr. Wilson was a founding member of the HSCDC.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for four years) scholarship is awarded to deserving District of Columbia graduating seniors.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Reside in the District of Columbia
- Minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Indicate Pell Grant eligibility (Submit FASFA)
- Involvement in school and community activities
- Accepted by and enrolled as a fulltime student in an accredited institution

- **Submit a 500-650-word essay on the following topic:**

*How can I help change the quality of life within my neighborhood by obtaining a college education and pursuing a career in public service (government), economic development (business/housing), community empowerment (organizing/advocacy) **OR** neighborhood revitalization (community and real estate development)?*



Applications and documents are due by **March 5, 2021**. Finalists are notified in late spring of 2021. Applications should be submitted at www.hstreetcdc.org or scholarship@hstreetcdc.org and official transcripts and letters of recommendation should be mailed to John A. Wilson Scholarship, 916 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20003 or faxed to (202) 735-5340.